

Cardinal Ritter Dedicates New College Campus

The new Avila College campus was dedicated in ceremonies held Thursday, April 29. Cardinal Joseph Ritter of St. Louis, Mo., gave the liturgical blessing to the buildings and delivered the principal address.

In his remarks to the 700 people in the audience, Cardinal Ritter recalled the history of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet who settled in St. Louis in the early 1800's. "We can hardly believe that the seeds planted by those first few sisters could have become what their undertakings are today," the Cardinal said.

His Eminence recounted that the sisters came to Kansas City nearly 100 years ago and that their history was entwined with the history of the city. "We pray," he said, "that their history is only the beginning of the long successful work of education here on this campus."

"As Mr. Edwin Borserine of the Board of Councilors said in his welcome," the Cardinal continued, "we should be the ones to thank the sisters and we do just that."

In concluding his remarks, Cardinal Ritter said "We are all encouraged by this new undertaking. May it bring untold blessings on this area and this city."

Following the address and the dedication of O'Rielly Hall, Marian Center, Cardondelet Hall, and the Bundschu Library Room, the Cardinal placed mortar on the cornerstone with the same trowel used in laying cornerstones of the Music and Arts Building and Donnelly Hall. Both were college buildings on the Main Street campus.



Pictured here are scenes from the dedication ceremonies. At top, Cardinal Ritter, on the right, assisted by the Rev. Robert Deming blesses the cornerstone for Administration Hall. In the picture second from the top, Cardinal Ritter prepares to enter Administration Hall for the solemn blessing of the building. He is accompanied by Msgr. John Huhmann, pastor of St. Thomas More parish. In the picture above, are students and guests who formed the audience. On the left, the procession is shown in front of the new student center, Marian Center.





Above, students in a class of children's literature listen while one of the class gives a demonstration lesson. This preparation precedes the observation of a master teacher in an actual classroom situation.

Future Teachers Receive Variety of Preparations

This fall, June graduates of Avila will take places before classrooms of elementary and high school students. They will be listed as new teachers yet the encounter with the actual teaching process will not be their first.

According to Associate Professor Thomas Taff, acting chairman of the department of education and psychology, the education majors and minors will have completed a wide variety of experiences which prepare them for their first assignment. This preparation begins in the freshman year when the student begins taking education courses.

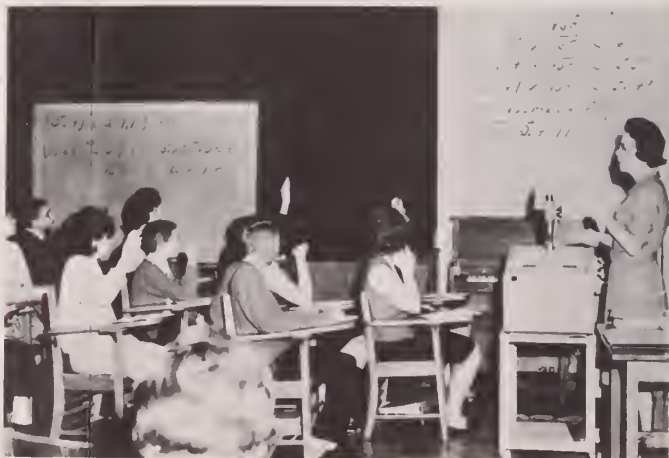
After learning the principles, the student is given teaching projects which are prepared and presented to the class for critique. Actual observation in a wide range of classes, from special classes for the culturally deprived to the classes for gifted, follows. "Before the student does her practice teaching, generally in the senior year, she has completed between 30 and 60 hours of classroom observations," Professor Taff explains.

During this academic year, forty-two students from Avila College were placed for student teaching in virtually all of the school districts of the Greater Kansas City area. In each instance, these student teachers were prepared for their first full-time position by the experienced co-operating teacher, by their major professors, if they will be secondary teachers, or by Professor Taff if they are preparing for the elementary classroom.



Professor Taff shows senior Susan St. Clair a form for the permanent Credential File, a service started this year. For a registration fee of \$15.00 all graduates of Avila College may have their teacher credentials kept current. The completed file is then available for interviews with prospective school officials.

To the right, Mrs. Marybeth Swartz '47 an Avila graduate now teaching mathematics at Southeast Jr. High School, conducts a class to illustrate a teaching technique for future teachers. Mrs. Swartz has received two National Science Foundation grants for summer study at Kansas University and Seattle University.



Faculty Member Receives Grant For Nuclear Studies

A National Science Foundation grant for study at the Oak Ridge Institute for Nuclear Studies at Oak Ridge, Tenn., has been received by Sister Rose Daniel, professor in chemistry. Sister will be at the Institute from June 14 to Aug. 6.

At Oak Ridge, Sister will study radiation chemistry and radioisotope techniques which she will use in teaching at Avila. According to Sister, there is interest in this special field of chemistry and need for knowledge for all those majoring in the sciences.

"Students who will work in hospital laboratories and those who will do any analytical work will profit from knowledge of radioisotope techniques," Sister commented



Sister Rose Daniel instructs a chemistry student in the techniques of using the radiation counter.

when asked of the value of her summer study to the Avila student. "We also hope to have the biology students do research in this line after they know the techniques."

Sister has spent the summer of 1963 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the 1961 summer at Cornell University. The Rensselaer study was in nuclear physics under an Atomic Energy Commission and National Science Foundation grant. The Shell Oil Company granted Sister the study at Cornell.

Former President Addresses Scholarship Sponsors

Sister M. Alfred, C.S.J., president of Fontbonne College in St. Louis, Mo. was the speaker at the fourth annual spring luncheon of the Scholarship Sponsors of Avila College.

The Scholarship Sponsors are area women who contribute \$50 annually to establish a scholarship fund at the college. More than 100 women have now joined the organization and their fund has reached the \$30,000 mark.

Sister Alfred has been president of Fontbonne since 1960. Prior to that appointment, she was president of Avila College for three years. She has a doctorate in psychology from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.



Sister M. Alfred, C.S.J.

Awards for 1965-66 were presented to two sophomores at Avila. Miss Diana Travalent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Travalent, 5310 Olive, and Miss Nan Hausam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hausam, Peoria, Ill., will receive scholarships for the coming academic year.

Presentations were made by Mrs. E. E. Clarkson, co-chairman of the Sponsors. Mrs. Helen deClercq Reedy, co-chairman, served as mistress of ceremonies. The business report was given by Mrs. John W. Foyle, treasurer.

Summer Classes for Children

French and art classes for children will be given at Avila College beginning June 14 and concluding on July 16.

Teaching the French classes will be Mrs. Shirley Spiegel, a native of France who is a student at Avila college.

Tuition for art classes and materials will be \$50.00. Tuition for the French classes will be \$30.00. For information contact the college art and French departments.

Offer Summer Institutes In Special Education Field

Three institutes for teachers of the educable mentally retarded will be offered at Avila College during the 1965 summer. The institutes are in addition to the regular summer schedule of classes which includes two additional classes for teachers in this special field of education.

The institutes being offered and the dates for the courses are as follows: Teaching the Culturally Deprived Child, June 21-July 2; Counseling Parents of Mentally Retarded Children, July 12-July 23; and Teaching of Reading to the Mentally Retarded, Aug. 2-Aug. 12.

Instructors will be John T. Duncan, M.S., and John M. Martin, Jr., M.S., both special education instructors for the Kansas City, Mo., public school system. The institute director will be Sister Marie Georgette Eschbacher, Ph.D., chairman of the department of education and psychology at Avila College.

Each institute will carry two hours of credit on the undergraduate level. The classes may be audited. Parents are welcome to audit the classes.

During the regular summer sessions, the two courses of interest to teachers in this field are: Curriculum and Materials for the Mentally Retarded, June 14-July 16; and Introduction to the Exceptional Child, July 19-Aug. 20. Both are two-hour credit classes.

The program in education for teachers of the educable mentally retarded has been fully accredited by the state department of education since 1962, shortly after its incorporation in the education curriculum. At the present time, Avila is the only college in the city offering an undergraduate major in this field.

Impetus to the program will be gained next September when the first class for mentally retarded children will be opened on the Avila campus. Help in selecting pupils for the class is being given by the public and parochial school systems.



Miss Barbara Wedow '63 is teaching a class of mentally retarded children at the Karnes School in Kansas City, Mo. Her pupils range in age from 10 to 14 and work in an ungraded classroom.



Mrs. Frances Orozco '63, above, is shown in her Primary Hard of Hearing class at the Troost school in Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Orozco will complete her master's degree in this special field this summer. She is studying at Kansas University Medical Center under a government grant.

As shown at the left, Professor Taff points out Kansas City school districts where student teachers completed their work in practice teaching. Students received teaching experience in classes of educable mentally retarded as well as the normal classroom.

Report from the Campus

Sister Marcella Marie, former professor of English at Avila now of Fontbonne College, St. Louis, Mo., was the speaker at Honors Convocation, May 10.

Dr. Maurice K. Temerlin, chairman of the department of psychology at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., was a visiting scientist on campus Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7. Dr. Temerlin conducted classes and gave the student convocation May 6. The visiting scientist came to Avila through the National Science Foundation Visiting Scientist Program.

Sister Olive Louise, Sister Marie Georgette, and Sister Patricia Marie attended the National Catholic Education Association convention in New York City, April 19-22.

Training Institute for Principals

A special leadership training institute for elementary school principals will be conducted at the college June 21-July 16.

Staff for the institute will include Edward E. Fields, Ed.D., principal of Central Junior High school; Sister Anne Francea Kane, M.Ed., elementary school supervisor for the Kansas City-St. Joseph diocese; Mary Meehan, Ed.D., training consultant, Greater Kansas City Mental Health Foundation; and Lucia Pinzon, Ph.D., school psychologist for the Kansas City-St. Joseph diocese.

The institute is being offered to all sisters who are elementary school principals. Emphasis will be on interpersonal relationships, administration and supervision.

The first annual Parents' Weekend was held on campus Friday through Sunday, April 23-25.

Included on the weekend calendar were the annual Father-Daughter Banquet, a Mother-Faculty buffet, family Mass and brunch, coffee-house theater, and a meeting of the Parents Club.

The Rev. Luke Feldstein, O.P., former chaplain at Avila College will be the speaker for commencement exercises, May 29. The ceremonies will be held on campus beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Thomas P. Neill, professor of history at St. Louis University, was a visiting scholar March 22-24. Dr. Neill conducted classes and seminars, gave a student convocation, and conducted a discussion of "The Emerging Layman" for alumnae and parents.



Dr. Thomas P. Neill

Sister Joan Louise of the art department won the Grand Prize at the South Jackson County Art Show, April 4. Sister's entry was an oil painting, "Crucifixion." Sister Georgiana Marie received honorable mention. Mary Jo Javorek, student, received the second and third prizes in the junior division for her mixed media paintings.

Langston Hughes, American poet, read and discussed his work at an assembly, Friday, April 30.

On Sunday, May 16, seniors from Avila College will be honored by the American Association of University Women at a tea. The affair will be at the University Women's Club in Kansas City, Mo.

Sister Dolorita Marie and students Patricia Daniels and Mary Ellen Barnard attended the national conference of the Association of International Relations Clubs at Princeton University, April 1-4.

Sister Mary Mark, Sister Catherine Louis, and Sister Helen Lucile attended the National League for Nursing Convention and Member Agency Meeting of the Department of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs in San Francisco, Calif., May 3-7.

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